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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested, the period for response having been extended up to and including January 8, 2003, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

24. (Twice Amended) A polynucleic acid selected from the group consisting of CCC TGT GAG GAA CTW CTG TCT TCA CGC (SEQ ID NO 1),
GGT GCA CGG TCT ACG AGA CCT (SEQ ID NO 2),
TCT AGC CAT GGC GTT AGT RYG AGT GT (SEQ ID NO 3),
TTG GGC GYG CCC CCG C (SEQ ID NO 20), and

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